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SUBJECT: LAO CONGRATULATORY MESSAGES ON U.S. NATIONAL DAY

1. MINISTRY OF INFORMATION'S OFFICIAL DAILY BULLETIN ON JULY 3 CARRIED IN ITS FRENCH AND LAO EDITIONS THE TEXTS OF TELEGRAMS FROM PRESIDENT SOUPHAOUVONG TO PRESIDENT FORD AND FROM MINISTER FONAFF SIPRASEUTH TO SECRETARY KISSINGER CONVEYING CONGRATULATIONS ON US NATIONAL DAY AND EXPRESSING HOPE THAT RELATIONS BETWEEN TWO COUNTRIES AND PEOPLES WOULD "BE NORMALIZED" AND DEVELOP MORE EACH DAY. MESSAGES ALSO PROMINENTLY FEATURED ON FRONT PAGE OF PARTY NEWSPAPER "SIENG PASASON" JULY 5. UNOFFICIAL TRANSLATIONS OF TEXTS AS FOLLOWS:

2. QUOTE: STATE TELEGRAM FROM MR. SOUPHANOUVONG, PRESIDENT LAO PEOPLE'S DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC TO HIS EXCELLENCY GERALD FORD, PRESIDENT OF UNITED STATES OF AMERICA. ON THE OCCASION OF THE NATIONAL DAY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA PLEASE ACCEPT MY SINCERE CON-

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GRATULATIONS. I EXTEND TO YOU AND THE AMERICAN PEOPLE

MY BEST WISHES FOR HAPPINESS AND PROSPERITY. MAY THE RELATIONS BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES BE NORMALIZED MORE EACH DAY IN THE INTERESTS OF PEACE AND FOR THE GOOD OF OUR TWO PEOPLES. WITH VERY HIGH CONSIDERATION. END QUOTE.

3. QUOTE: STATE TELEGRAM FROM MR. PHOUNE SIPRASEUTH, DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER, MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF THE LPDR TO HIS EXCELLENCY MR. HENRY KISSINGER, MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF THE UNITED STATES. I HAVE THE HONOR TO ADDRESS TO YOU MY SINCERE CONGRATULATIONS ON THE OCCASION OF THE NATIONAL DAY OF YOUR CONTRY. I HOPE THAT THE RELATIONS BETWEEN THE LAO PEOPLE AND AMERICAN PEOPLE WILL GROW STRONGER EVERY DAY. WITH VERY HIGH CONSIDERATION. END QUOTE.

4. COMMENT: MESSAGES ARE PRO FORMA AND REPRESENT THE BARE MINIMUM FOR SUCH AN OCCASION BUT ARE PERFECTLY CORRECT.

5. ACTION REQUESTED: THAT DEPARTMENT CONSIDER FOLLOWING PROPOSED REPLIES:

BEGIN QUOTE:

HIS EXCELLENCY SOUPHANOUVONG

PRESIDENT OF THE LAO PEOPLE'S DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC

DEAR MR. PRESIDENT:

THANK YOU FOR YOUR KIND MESSAGE ON THE OCCASION OF THE 200TH ANNIVERSARY OF AMERICAN INDEPENDENCE. I SHARE YOUR WISH THAT RELATIONS BETWEEN LAOS AND THE UNITED STATES CONTINUE TO DEVELOP IN THE INTEREST OF PEACE AND THE WELL BEING OF THE LAO AND AMERICAN PEOPLES.

PLEASE ACCEPT, MR. PRESIDENT, THE ASSURANCES OF MY HIGHEST CONSIDERATION.

GERALD R. FORD

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END QUOTE.

BEGIN QUOTE:

HIS EXCELLENCY PHOUNE SIPRASEUTH

DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER AND MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF THE LAO PEOPLE'S DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC

DEAR MR. MINISTER:

THANK YOU FOR YOUR KIND TELEGRAM ON THE OCCASION OF
THE 200TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE INDEPENDENCE OF THE UNITED
STATES OF AMERICA. I SHARE YOUR HOPE THAT RELATIONS
BETWEEN LAOS AND THE UNITED STATES WILL GROW STRONGER
AND STRONGER WITH THE PASSAGE OF TIME.

PLEASE ACCEPT, MR. MINISTER, THE ASSURANCES OF MY
HIGHEST CONSIDERATION.

HENRY A. KISSINGER

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